



CROSSROAD

Crossroad is a mission of the United Church of Christ celebrating 125 years of service to children and families in 2008. Crossroad gives hope to children who are hurting and to families that are falling apart. Crossroad gives them the tools they need to cope with troubled lives. It gives them faith to believe things can change for the better.

In the puzzle below are words that help describe the work at Crossroad. The words may go down, across, backwards and diagonally.

Find these words:

CROSSROAD	HOPE
CHILD	LOVE
TEEN	HEAL
FAMILY	HELP
FAITH	CARE

A	C	P	L	E	H	H	W	B	W
T	T	R	S	H	O	P	E	T	R
Q	E	V	O	L	S	W	P	U	F
V	E	O	E	S	F	N	E	E	T
A	E	L	N	A	S	A	U	J	E
E	K	J	M	D	E	R	I	G	L
S	I	I	L	I	A	H	O	T	M
Q	L	I	Q	I	E	J	O	A	H
Y	H	U	V	A	E	R	A	C	D
C	N	G	L	Y	T	C	I	J	R



Connections

The Crossroad Mission:

Crossroad creates promising futures for children in difficult circumstances, by providing therapy, education, and family support services.

Crossroad is creating promising futures for children — whatever it takes!



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Crossroad since 1883

Simply put, Crossroad is a treatment provider for emotionally troubled children. Behind that simple description is a long list of therapy, education, and family support services provided both to children who live on our campus and to those we work with in communities.

The foundation for these services? A blend of compassion and expertise that for nearly 125 years has assured people who care about children that Crossroad can help troubled children create the futures they deserve.

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A History of Helping

In October 1883, 9-year-old Hermann Leissering came to live with the Rev. and Mrs. John Rettig on a 57-acre farm in Allen County, Indiana thus becoming the first child in our care. Four more children soon joined him on the farm. There those first five children found the home they lacked.

They were taught, guided and loved.

Since then, thousands of children have followed in those five orphan's footsteps to pass through the doors of Crossroad. Here they find the help they need.

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Why We're Here

For too many children, the world is a troubling place. They see, experience and feel things children shouldn't have to endure. They watch families fall apart. They see no promise in the future.

Crossroad exists to bring hope to those children. To aid their healing and growth. To equip them to thrive and see their own value. To show them promising futures.

Experience, Expertise, Compassion

When children as young as six years old are troubled, they need a safe harbor that provides protection, helps them find a new direction and allows them to heal. They need Crossroad:

- A place with 125 years of experience helping troubled children and their families.
- Programs that prepare children for lives beyond their troubles.
- Professionals who view troubled children not as problems to fix but as people to heal.

Help Where it's Needed

No two children face the same problems. Even if they live in the same home, they experience their troubles individually and confront them in their own ways.

At Crossroad, each child's needs are met with unique solutions.

Some children come to Crossroad to live with us while getting help. Others visit us during the day. Some receive help in their homes or other locations.

Whatever it takes.

Our Children

Where can you find Crossroad children today? All around you. At Crossroad, they found help. They regained their childhoods. They healed while they learned, played and lived. And then they left us. To grow. To thrive. To discover a world beyond their troubles. Today they study, play and work in communities. And they live the futures that once seemed so uncertain.

How You Can Help Us Help the Children

- Cash donations
- In-kind donations (call for a current list)
- Save & send Campbell's UPC codes
- Save & send Box Tops for Education
- Volunteer or ride in our motorcycle event "Take a Ride on the Child Side"
- Volunteer or Play in the Crossroad WIFFLE® tournament (June 28, 2008)
- Take a tour of the Crossroad campus
- Bring a work camp to Crossroad
- Sponsor a Crossroad School Classroom
- Pray for the Crossroad family
- Request a speaker for your worship service or church event
- Choose Crossroad for your VBS special project
- Have a 125th Anniversary Sunday for Crossroad at your church (info. packets available after January 1, 2008)
- Volunteer or attend the Car Show & Quilt Auction (Oct. 4, 2008)
- Make & send quilts for the Annual Car Show & Quilt Auction
- Attend the Annual Dinner Event (Feb. 21, 2008)
- Remember Crossroad in your wills/planned gifts



Special Donation Needs this Year:

- Christmas wish-list needs (call for current list)
- Replacement of our Boiler/Heating System
- Renovation of our Gymnasium
- Underwriting of Children's activities (call for information)
- Stuffed animals with all soft features and stuffing

Crossroad is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit and our legal name is: The Fort Wayne Children's Home of the United Church of Christ Inc.

For more information about the ministry of Crossroad please contact the Development office at 260.484.4153 or 800.976.2306.